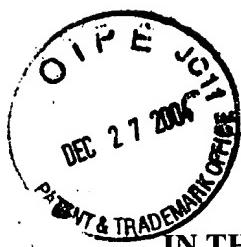


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This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which runs until December 24, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks herein.

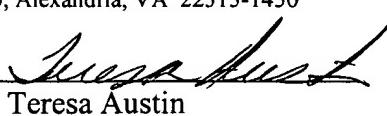
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